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REASONS Humbly offered why
Wrought Silks, Bengalls, and
Painted Callicoes from India,
ought not to be Prohibited to be Worn
in England.

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I. **B**ecause no Sumptuary Laws ever had good effect in *England*.

II. Because such a Prohibition not operating upon the Humour of the Ladies would turn to no Advantage of *England*, but only of the *Dutch*, and *Flanders*, which already Imitate *East-India* Silks so Exactly, that the Retailers themselves in many Species cannot discern the Right *Indian* Fabrick from the *Dutch* Fabrick.

III. Since our Wives will wear Silks, it is more profitable to *England* that they should wear *East-India* Silks, than any other, because the Cost of any *East-India* Silks, of what Price soever, is three quarter parts Right old *English*, viz. Beef, Pork, Freight, Custome, Sea-mens Wages; whereas *Italian*, *French*, *Flanders*, and *Dutch* Silks are not the Tenth part of their Cost *English*, Freight and Custome being trivial in comparison to *India*.

IV. *Persia* spends more Woollen Manufacture than any Countrey in the World: And if the Wearing of *Persia* Silks are forbid in *England*, it is reasonable to conclude, The Wearing of Cloth will be forbid in *Persia*.

V. The like may be said of *China* Silks; which are purchased by Cloth, and other *English* Manufactures.

VI. *East-India* Manufactures already pay 20 per Cent. Custom more then Silks from *Italy*, *France*, *Flanders* or *Holland*, whereas in true Mercantile Policy, the remote Navigation ought to be most incouraged (which spends most of our *English* Provision, and maintains the largest Shipping.) And consequently, the *East-India* Manufactures should pay the least Customs, as they do in *Holland*, and in *Scotland*, no Custom at all.

VII. The Allegation of the *Norwich*, and *Canterbury* Men, that the increase of the expence of their commodities, proceeds from the want of *East-India* Goods, is a mistake; For that, the late encrease of the vent of the *English* Manufactures has been occasioned Principally by the Effects of the present War, the lowness of the Exchange, and especially by the high Rate we have run *Guineas* too, which has brought in such vast quantity of *Gold*, which could not be ballanced to the *Foreigners*, but by the buying up of all Sorts of *English* Commodities; this appears to be true in all other Commodities, as well as *Norwich*, and *Canterbury* Stuffs, viz. Cloth, Bays, Butter, Cheese, Sole and upper Leather, Tallow, Calves, and Sheep-Skins, so that the *Canterbury*, and *Norwich* Men, might as well infer that the late Scarcity of *East-India* Commodities has raised the Price, and vent of Tallow, Leather and Calves-Skins, as of *Canterbury*, or *Norwich* Stuffs.

VIII. The Scarcity of *East-India* Goods is not altogether so much as is supposed; for although the *East-India* Companies Ships were this Year Taken by the *French*, yet Vast Quantities of *India* Manufactures, of all sorts, have been Smuggl'd into *England* from *Holland*, and Sold and Consumed in *England*, which never paid one Penny Freight or Custome here.

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